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Chelsfield Village Society Annual General Meeting

**This Wednesday
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in the Church Brass Crosby Room

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**We have two very interesting speakers, subjects are:
"20 IS PLENTY FOR US" and "WE THE JURY"**

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Tuesday 27th November

The Crane Fly

A few months ago the seasonal appearance of crane flies (Tipula paludosa) occurred once more. The arrival of these large leggy insects apparently wandering about, usually indoors, becoming confused with the lights and furniture tells us that the current year's summer days are drawing to a close. This insect is more commonly known in the UK as the *Daddy long legs*. It has other less well known names such as 'Jimmy spinner' and 'mosquito hawk' (which appears to be an American term derived from the incorrect belief that they hunt and eat mosquitoes) although its correct name is the European Crane fly. The name *daddy long legs* however is also shared with the harvestman spider (incidentally, not a true spider as its body is not designed like that of a spider) which appears at the same time of year as the crane fly and appears to be all legs with a small pea-like body! So, opportunity for confusion

there...

There are around 300 different species of crane fly in the UK and the 'daddy long legs' is simply the best known and most obvious of them. Around the world however there are over 14000 so it's a surprisingly large group considering that most people think there's only the one species. This insect has in recent years become established in North America and has become something of a pest. This is not because of their habit of entering houses in high summer and being a general nuisance but due to an earlier stage of their development. At this stage they live below ground eating the roots of grasses and are then known as 'leatherjackets'. Due to the fact that humans also like grass, usually to mow and admire, the opportunity for these insects to reproduce has allowed them to become very common. However, too many can damage a

grass lawn and up to half a million can live in a single hectare of grass. In 1935 at Lords cricket ground the venue became inundated by leatherjackets which caused bald patches on the wicket which took unaccustomed spin for much of the season.

The best way to deal with leatherjackets appears to be to employ nematodes which infect the leatherjackets with a deadly bacterial infection. Another method involves the use of an old gardeners' solution to the problem. This involves flooding the lawn, leaving it covered with sacking overnight and in the morning one will find that the leatherjackets have come to the surface where they can be swept up and removed.

The crane flies that we see are merely the culmination of this insect's life cycle. They spend the winter in the soil as leatherjackets and apparently do very

little. As the weather warms they attack the roots of plants, primarily grasses. Eventually, in the late summer they leave the soil and become adult crane flies. They then have around two weeks to mate and lay eggs before they die and complete their life cycle. During this time they do not eat and merely survive on the energy they left the soil with. This year has not been a particularly good one for crane flies due to the hot weather which entombs the flies within the soil. One can identify the sex of these insects from the tail. Females have pointed tails (ovipositors) which are

used to lay eggs underground while the tails of the males are blunt.

There is an urban myth that crane flies are venomous but are not dangerous due to their mouth parts not being able to break human skin. I'm pretty sure I heard this on the TV programme QI but all sources I've found say that this is untrue. In fact they do not eat anything as adults although they may sometimes take on a little fluid. So they do not catch mosquitoes or anything else for that matter but they are food for birds and bats. It is thought this 'venom' story comes as a result

of their being confused with the *American recluse spider* - which is extremely venomous - and is also nicknamed the daddy long legs. So, other than some people believing they look a tad creepy there is no need to worry about them in terms of safety.

Although they are very fragile creatures they do have the ability to survive a lot of injury and they can mate to perpetuate the species with several legs missing and only 80% of their wings in place. I seem to remember that as a child it was considered good fun by some kids to chase after these things and pull their legs off. Quite why that was fun I can't remember but I do remember even then thinking that it was unnecessarily cruel and not something I wanted to do myself.

Anyway, we are now into the new winter season and the crane fly days have passed for another year.



Steve Fuller
November 2018

Mutterings From The Millers

The cover crops and wheat planted in September are racing away with all the wonderful weather we had in October. The barley seed arrived eventually and Peter planted it under great conditions. The rain although heavy at times, together with the warm sunny days, has helped the seed to germinate and become established.

In the coming weeks we shall be spraying for weeds and aphids. The boys have an app on their mobile phones, which show them when the aphids will start to attack the small wheat and barley plants. The reason we spray for the aphids is that they carry a disease called barley yellow dwarf virus, which causes the plant to become stunted and not produce an ear.

I visited a school in Snodland to talk to two reception classes about harvest. The children were delightful and listened very well about how we harvest the wheat. Video clips



showing a combine harvester working and dressing up in John Deere overalls were well received. We all pretended to be a seed growing and they were able to tell me what was needed to make a strong healthy plant.

Two farmers from Farningham visited whilst the boys were planting the cover crop to see how we direct drilled. They have been thinking about going over to a non plough system and were staggered how easy the process is. They asked lots of questions and rode on the tractor with Pete watching how the machine worked. When we told them how little diesel we used, they

were amazed but not pulling great huge lumps of metal through the ground, then drilling, then rolling it down to consolidate the soil, it didn't take a lot of working out. Another farmer has contacted us about adding a marking system to his drill, he has the same problem that we had in that around the edges of the field, we lose satellite signal for the GPS. Although he thought our attachment was great, he wasn't too impressed with the cost of it! Can't have it all ways.

Peter has built new staircase inside the barn, much easier than climbing the old ladder that was just strips of

wood attached to the main barn post. This was how we always got up and down onto the loft space but not very elf and safety! Repairs and painting inside the old stables carries on, a bit like the Fourth Bridge.

Steve and I visited the Isle of Wight for a few days at the end of October and saw two swallows, thought they had all gone but

obviously fancied a visit to the Isle too on their way home. I was amazed and thrilled to see two buzzards circling over the farmhouse together with a kite! Yes, it definitely was a kite. I wondered if there would be some altercation but they seemed happy gliding together.

I loved the fact that St Luke's day on the 18th October was very

pleasant, as mentioned in last month's weather folklore, so perhaps we should take a little more note of these quaint sayings. Slightly wary about this month's offering,

Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.

*Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm*

Chelsfield Afternoon W.I.

We have had a busy month since our last meeting in September.

We had a lovely day out at Hever Castle and grounds. Our monthly lunch took us to Aquarius in Petts Wood, and at our monthly meeting on the 10th October we were entertained by Mr. Rob Harding Jones whose subject was British Comedy Greats. He had film, pictures and

recordings of stars of radio, TV and films and had us raking our brains to remember names and catch phrases to put to the pictures. It was a very enjoyable afternoon ending up with our usual tea and cakes.

Our walking group are heading off this month to Shooters Hill

Our next meeting will be on the 14th November,

when we will have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch prior to the meeting.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday on the month at 2.00pm at Chelsfield village hall and always welcome new members.

For further details please contact Sue on 01689 827407

Remembrance Day - Sunday 11th November

CHELSFIELD AND PRATTS BOTTOM

Councillor Angela Page will represent the Borough and

read a lesson at the service at St. Martin of Tours, Church Road, Chelsfield, BR6 7SN, at 10.45am, during which a wreath will be laid.



Chelsfield's Casualties of the 1st World War

As it happens, there are no individual servicemen to commemorate this month, as none of those on the war memorial in St Martin's Church porch died 100 years ago in November. There will be one more entry, next year, for David Waters who died in April 1919 from illness resulting from his time in the Royal Navy. For this month, though, I thought I would take a look at some of the statistics that I've uncovered for our servicemen.

There are 52 names for WWI on the memorial in the porch, of which I've managed to trace 47. They are buried or commemorated in France, Holland, Iraq, Belgium, Egypt, Italy and England, including two in our own churchyard.

Eighteen have no known grave. They range in age from 18 to 41, but almost half were 21 to 30. By far the highest proportion were in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, which is not surprising as it would have been the 'local' regiment, but there are

another eighteen regiments represented including the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and the Border Regiment. Four were in the Royal Navy.

There are cousins, brothers-in-law, and a father and son, Walter and Edward Cade. David Waters is the father of Roy David Waters, who is remembered in the lower half of the memorial as a casualty of World War II. Two sets of brothers died but for some reason one is not included in the memorial in each case, a Hills and a Symons. Louis Martin and Frederick Smith are buried in the churchyard with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone but are not on the memorial.

All the information I've found has now been added to the church website, and will be updated as new information comes to light. Even today, while writing this, I looked back at a parish magazine entry about the proposed 'Great War' illuminated

scroll, and realised there was a name listed that isn't on the bronze memorial, so I will now investigate that. If you have any more information about any of the names listed I'd love to hear from you, although apologies if I don't respond very quickly – I've just started a degree in History and it's taking up a lot of my time!

A few people have shown an interest in how I've researched information, and there are one or two more stories hidden in the records that are worth sharing, so I'm going to do an informal talk at St Martin's on the eve of Remembrance Sunday. Please do come along if you're interested:

**Saturday 10th November
7pm
Chelsfield's Casualties
of World War I**

Philippa Rooke
pjrooke@hotmail.com

NATIONAL
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THE ARMISTICE

St Martin's Church will join with the whole country and many nations across the world in marking one hundred years since the end of this terrible conflict. We hope you can join us at the service at 10:45am

on Sunday 11th November or, if not, participate in any way you feel able to. The bellringers will be participating in the 'Ringing Remembers' event as part of the National

Commemoration, when bells across the country will be rung at 12:30pm. We will be ringing the bells 'open', ie without muffles as directed (the bells will be rung half-muffled before the service as is customary).

10 Years of the Village Voice!

I have lived in Chelsfield Village for the last forty years, the last ten of which I have enjoyed reading The Chelsfield Village Voice. Ten years ago the Village Voice was started by Dan Sloan, and what a wonderful idea. It was printed in black and white and delivered to our homes for free by various people. Some time later

an arrangement was made with Chelsfield Park Hospital to take over the printing and in doing so upgrade it to colour. I have been informed that the paper it is printed on is kindly paid for by donations from various Village residents.

As it is now ten years that we the villagers have been enjoying reading

the various articles regarding farming, wildlife, old times, and news in general, I thought it was the right time to say Thankyou to all the people connected in some way with the production and distribution of The Chelsfield Village Voice.

Bridget O'Donnell

Local History Group - Suffragettes on our Doorstep

The stories of two formidable ladies who played an important part in the battle for Votes for Women in the early part of the 20th century proved an eye-opener for members of the Chelsfield Local History Group in September. One of the women lived at Green Street Green for many years and the other in Shortlands. But – as

Patrick Hellicar explained in his talk "Suffragettes on our Doorstep" – neither seems to have been remembered as we have marked the centenary this year of some women being granted the right to vote.

None of the group had heard of Dorothy Evans, who was a friend of the Pankhursts and one of

the most militant members of their Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), generally known as Suffragettes. Nor did they know about Kate Harvey, a leading light of the Women's Freedom League and "No Taxation Without Representation" protestor against women being taxed despite having no say in the law-

making process.

Dorothy was arrested on numerous occasions between 1909 and 1914 for her Suffragette activities. These ranged from refusing to pay a dog licence, disrupting a meeting being addressed by a Cabinet minister, smashing windows, possessing arms and explosive materials and being implicated in the bombing of a cathedral. She went to prison nine times, staged thirst and hunger strikes and endured forcible feeding as a result.

Her Suffragette involvement began when she was 19 years-old and embarking on a career as a gymnastics teacher. Within two years she had become a full-time WSPU organiser and later held a string of prominent WSPU posts, including in Birmingham and the Midlands, Bristol and the West of England, and Northern Ireland.

Patrick's talk detailed Dorothy's background, traced her path as a Suffragette agitator and as a pacifist protester during the First world War and looked at her

"unconventional" life after settling down in Green Street Green in the early 1920s with her illegitimate daughter by a leading member of the London County Council. Dorothy, described by contemporaries as "one of the outstanding women of the Suffragette movement" and "a woman of genius, courage and kindness", remained a vigorous campaigner on women's issues until her death at the age of 55. She was a key figure on numerous bodies concerned with the status of women, continued as a committed peace activist in the Second World War and was at the forefront of efforts to mobilise and train women to become Members of Parliament. Strangely, as Patrick noted, she appears to have been overlooked or forgotten in our area, where she spent half her life.

Kate Harvey, the second subject of Patrick's talk, was actually a Suffragist rather than a Suffragette – a campaigner on Votes for Women who preferred peaceful, lawful methods of protest but came to national attention for her

stand on the principle of "No Taxation Without Representation".

A profoundly deaf, well-off widow, Kate got into a protracted battle with Kent County Council in 1911 after refusing to pay a stamp tax to obtain a licence for her gardener. She barricaded herself in her Bromley home to keep the bailiffs out – and ended up in Holloway Prison in 1913 for her crime after they broke in following an eight-month stand-off and seized furniture to be sold to pay the tax.

Kate opened her home to sick women and children during the First World War, when hospitals were too full of wounded soldiers to care for them. She also ran a school for disabled children at the house and later established another in Sussex.

While working with the poor in east London, Kate met the former Suffragette Charlotte Despard, a founder of the Women's Freedom League (WFL), a prominent peace campaigner and operator of a home for children in

Battersea. Despard has been variously labelled an Anglo-Irish Suffragist, socialist, pacifist, Sinn Féin activist and novelist (seven of her 10 books were published).

Like Kate, Despard was a wealthy widow and the two joined forces for their charitable work as well as in their WFL activities. They lived together at Bromley and their

relationship lasted eight or nine years.

Kate Harvey died in 1946, aged 84, at Hartfield in Sussex.

Much Ado About Nothing



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THE VILLAGE HALL CAN BE FOUND JUST PAST THE FIVE BELLS PUB, CHELSFIELD VILLAGE

A theater poster for 'Much Ado About Nothing'. At the top, it says 'A CHELSFIELD PLAYERS ADAPTED SHAKESPEARIAN COMEDY'. The title 'Much Ado About Nothing' is in large, yellow, cursive font. Below the title, it says 'BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE' and 'DIRECTED BY DIANA McDONNELL-PASCOE'. The dates '22-24 NOV 2018' are written in yellow. The showtime 'SHOWING 8PM AT' is in yellow. The venue 'CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL' and address 'BUCKS CROSS ROAD BR6 7RL' are in yellow. At the bottom, there is a pink classic car with a yellow license plate that reads '1 WS 1'. The background is black with two white classical columns on either side. In the center, there is a colorful illustration of two theatrical masks (one red, one pink) with yellow and green swirls around them.

Major Works at Longlands Farm

Does anyone know anything about the major works going on at Longlands Farm??

They bulldozed an entrance from the field to Hawstead Lane last Thurs or Friday and there has been a large JCB doing lots of earthmoving

since, with heavy lorries going in and out of the site. Today you can see huge construction above ground. First photo taken at lunchtime today from the end of Hollybush Lane looking across the fields. 2nd photo shows bulldozed access on to Hawstead Lane.

There doesn't appear to be any planning permission.

Anyone know what's going on???

Several Well Hill residents have contacted Bromley Council.



St Martins Church Events and Service Highlights

Sun 4 Nov - 4pm
Memorial Service for All Souls
A time to remember those who have passed away, including the lighting of a candle for those being remembered

Sat 10 Nov - 7pm
Talk 'Chelsfield's Casualties of WWI' in Brass Crosby Room

Sun 11 Nov
Remembrance Sunday

10:45am - Remembrance Service
12:30pm - National Ringing to commemorate the Centenary of the WWI Armistice
6:30pm - Patronal Festival Communion (Martin, Bishop of Tours c397)

Sat 17 Nov - 10am-1pm
Christmas Charity Sale in aid of the Bridge Trust, in the Brass Crosby Room

Sun 18 Nov - 6.30pm
Ringers' Sunday Evensong with guest speaker Tom Hinks, judge of the National 12 Bell Competition

Sat 1 Dec - 7.30pm
St Martin's Quiz Night in the Village Hall
Tickets £6 - advance booking only on 01689 853415

ALL WELCOME!!!

Chelsfield Evening W.I.

Jane Muddle was this month's speaker at Chelsfield Evening W.I., and what a colourful evening it was. Jane travelled some way to come and see us and we are glad she did.

We were wowed by the beautiful bags and hats that she brought along to show us, all which were hand made on flat bed looms in Madagascar. We travelled through Madagascar with her as she talked us through the process of how the materials for these creations are grown and collected. She also explained how the items were made by the Madagascans and provide a vital source of income. Of course I couldn't let Jane leave without buying a bag or two.....or three!!

The sub groups continue to meet monthly with the walking group last visiting Eynsford, and the book clubs latest read being The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

This month our ladies also attended the knit and

stitch show at the Alexandra Palace, kindly arranged by our secretary Lisa. This was well attended with other WIs also taking advantage of the coach that had been arranged for transport.

We look forward to Belly Dancing at our November meeting, which is being held in the Crosby Rooms not our usual venue, but it will be at the usual time of 8pm.

As the end of the year is fast approaching we are already planning next year's program, however until then we still have a few more meetings and outings to look forward.

If you would like to come and visit us and attend our meetings our contact numbers are at the back of this magazine.

If you would like to come along to the next meeting, which is a Belly Dancing demo do let us know in advance so we can give you a warm welcome, and don't forget to wear something comfortable.

You can also find us on twitter and facebook, where you can view our full programme together with up and coming events.

Jules Phillips (President)



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My Grandfathers Gas Mask

Miraculously my Grandfather Lane's personal gasmask issued to him in about

(we aren't sure why there is also a Sidcup address, as his dental practice was in the family home in

war that we used to put them on and frighten each other! The smell of rubber and the steamed up visor stay with you forever!



I have a short bit of film we made in 1968 with us wearing it and fooling about. What real use they would have been in a gas attack is debateable but no doubt reassuring.

There was also at home the "Mickey Mouse" type of mask with two glass lenses and a rubber pipe that made you look like an Alien. I tried to adapt it to swim underwater in dad's new pond and nearly drowned!

1939 has survived intact for almost 80 years! The lid of the case carries his name and two addresses

Orpington High Street). I can still remember as a child these gasmasks were so common post

Phil Lane

Patrick Sloan - Memorial Stone

I used the following short article as part of the recent Churchyard tour I did for the St Martins of Tours Heritage Day.

Patrick Sloan had an

interesting life. Born in Northumberland, Patrick graduated from Cambridge with a first in Economics, and worked in the Soviet Union for many years in the 1930s.

He published many books and articles on the Soviet Union, which added up to a considerable body of work.

In 1951 he became general secretary of the British-Soviet Friendship Society, and an active member of local communist groups. His books were noted in an identifiable new trend in emergent African nations, and he gave a series of lectures in Africa in the 1960s. He wrote an account of economics

from a Marxist point of view in 1975.

In the 1970s he moved to live in Alice Bray's old cottage. Possibly the oldest and one of the most documented cottages in the village.

He was great friends with our then rector Lesley Virgo, enjoying much

philosophical discourse and died in 1978 in Orpington.

Inscription on his stone -

*An Atheist of the Village
Trust the dreams, for in
them are hidden the
gates of eternity.*

Peter Gandolfi

Phlebotomy Services to Change

Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group is making some changes to phlebotomy (blood taking) services in Bromley

From Monday 1 October, phlebotomy services will have a new home in locations across Bromley. Rather than visiting the Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH) walk-in clinic, you will be able to have your bloods taken in a number of local GP practices and existing walk-in centres. The last patients will be seen at the PRUH walk-in clinic on Friday 28 September, after which bloods cannot be done routinely at the PRUH any more.

Children aged 12 and under will continue to

have their blood tests taken by the PRUH Children's team.

Many GP practices offer their patient's phlebotomy services and it is worth enquiring with your GP or practice staff if there is a blood taking clinic available at your local surgery.

Appointments can be made at the four surgeries listed i.e. Summercroft and Ballater surgeries for Orpington, Dysart in Bromley and Park Practice in Anerley.

Orpington Hospital will still be available as will Beckenham Beacon, Croydon Road, Beckenham.

The current walk-in

phlebotomy clinic at the PRUH will be transformed into a discharge lounge which will be a designated space for patients who have completed treatment and are in the process of returning home or to a new placement. The new discharge lounge facilities will significantly improve the quality of care for patients at the PRUH. More details can be found at:

<https://www.bromleyccg.nhs.uk/news/update-community-phlebotomy-services-in-bromley/72683>

Or contact the CCG by telephone: 0203 930 0100 or emailing: broccg.contact@nhs.net

More September 1940 Wartime Diaries

Excerpts from David Lane's diaries:

Monday 2nd...dad came and brought binocs..we saw 18 menacing looking bombers & about 100 fighters for escort. No British fighters attacked whilst we watched but shellfire was terrific. Reconnaissance planes kept us in shelters till 3am.

Tuesday 3rd...we had to spend an hour in wood by Chelsfield Stn during raid, in which we saw nothing. Intensely hot walked to lovely spot near Old Chelsfield Village..sat under some superb beeches for protection against an air battle overhead..had some Tizer...I picked up some bomb bits & saw a crater. Visited crashed Hurricane..made peashooters with hemlock...Pickles bitten by dog next door

Wed 4th..saw 17 Dorniers being shelled..none came down..searchlights very accurate..4or 5 five planes held. Terrific barrage of AA from guns very near us. Bombs fell

near (this would be off Glentrammon Ave where dad was then living)

Thursday 5th..up all night. Bombs fell including one time bomb which seemed to fall quite near. Not much gunfire & searchlights were ineffective. Cockroach crawled up my trouser leg & I crushed him on my knee.

Friday 6th...All Clear did not sound until 6.30am. Had two hours sleep..shaved..when warning went again...fierce battle high overhead..Hurricane crashed in flames in direction of Farnborough. Pilot (Polish) baled out & landed by Downe Lane. Machine gun belt fell in our garden

Saturday 7th....washed out the dug-out and laid a gravel path to it..went down to see Kay (then at 14 Knoll Rise, her parent's home) spent afternoon in the shelter..500 planes made vicious attack on London.Sky seemed filled with them. Drone of engines was ominous..colossal fires

started & raged all night..100 more attacked during night

Sunday 8th..Kay & I mowed front lawn...both very weary

Monday 9th..Rachel (dad's younger sister) and I saw two Junkers being chased & heavily attacked by Spitfires ...saw one come down in direction of Polhill. Miserable cramped night. No sleep

This was of course the worse period of aerial bombing of London and Home Counties, The Blitz, as it came to be known, must have made daily life very stressful and tiring. Dad at this time was travelling daily to Kings College(Dental section) Denmark Hill as he completed his training. Every day he recounts in detail both his social life, work and enemy action. It makes vivid reading and I am constantly surprised at how many entries relate to Chelsfield and the surrounding area.His diaries cover 1929 to 1963 and will take me months to read!

Philip Lane

We would like to thank
CHELSEFIELD PARK HOSPITAL for their
 sponsorship printing the Chelsfield Village Voice



Those Were The Days!

I have found an old shot I took of the Bells looking into the saloon bar from the public bar in 1965. Doug Parkes senior was publican along with his wife Ivy. Lunchtime staff was Mopsy and Jill who would never ever take a drink from you!

I have pulled up the image to see that a ham sandwich was 4/-, egg 1/8 cheese 1/4, hot pies 1/6 (hot pies in pubs in 1965 were dire I recall, unless homemade!). I can make out the Tavern Keg beer pump which marked the beginning of the end for real draught beer in the south of England. Am pleased to report that this downward trend eventually reversed and ales in all the local pubs are all really splendid. I think beer was about 2/- a pint then, 10-12p in new money.

Phil Lane



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Pilates Classes

Monday

10.45am Over 60's/Osteo
6.00pm Beginners Pilates
7.10pm Mixed Ability Pilates

Tuesday

7.15pm Beginners Pilates 8.25pm
Mixed Ability Pilates

Wednesday

9.30am Mixed Ability Pilates
1.30pm Over 60's/Osteo

Saturday

8.45am Improvers Pilates
10am Beginners Pilates
Contact Sally 07786 035640
sally@orpingtonpilates.co.uk see
www.orpingtonpilates.co.uk
for venues and more info

EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday

Contact Sarah Ford:
01689 853415

stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Drive)

Quiz Night

From 8.00pm Info: 01689 880288

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Chelsfield Methodist Church Hall,

Windsor Drive

Pilates Classes & Pre & PostNatal Pilates Classes

Wed 6.50-7.50pm

& 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 8.20-9.20pm

Friday 9.35-10.35 & 10.45 -11.45am

Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm

(Babies Welcome)

Call Bethany Lucas

07415 638546

bethanylucasplates@gmail.com

Further classes at:

www.bethanylucasplates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact Pam Keeper

01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Class Street Dance

4.30pm-6.00pm

Boys & Girls all Ages

Info: Clare 07960 865518

www.class-streetdance.co.uk

EVERY FRIDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Drive)

DJ NIGHT

From 8.30pm Contact 01689
880288

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 3rd November

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive.

Karaoke & Singles Night

Contact 01689 880288

Sunday 4th November

Five Bells

Halloween Meets Guy Fawkes

Bonfire, Fireworks and Fancy Dress
Competition Starts 5.00pm

Monday 5th November

(1st Monday of Month)

Brass Crosby Room

St Martins Memory Cafe

2-4pm. Contact Jackie McCann 01689
854119

Wednesday 7th November

Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Village Society AGM

Starts at 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th November

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out there,
come along and have a go!
Starts at 8.30pm

Saturday 10th November

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive.

The Chain - Live Band

Contact 01689 880288

Wednesday 14th November

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive.

Xmas Shopping Event

Starts 7.30pm

Contact 01689 880288

Wednesday 21st November

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out there,

come along and have a go!

Starts at 8.30pm

Saturday 24th November

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive.

KAVALL - Live Band

Contact 01689 880288

Wednesday 14th November

(2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Sue on 01689 827407

Wednesday 7th November

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out there,

come along and have a go!

Starts at 8.30pm

Tuesday 20th November

(3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome From 7.45pm

Contact Jules Phillips (President) on
0203 441 5669 or Lisa Lobb (Secretary)

on 01689 608070

Thursday 29th November

(Last Thurs each Month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

Starts 10.30am

Thursday 22nd-24th November

Chelsfield Village Hall

**Much Ado About Nothing performed
by Chelsfield Players**

Box Office 07818 505448 Tickets £8.50

Saturday 1st December

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive.

Karaoke & Singles Night

Contact 01689 880288

Saturday 1st December

Chelsfield Village Hall

St Matins QUIZ Night

See front cov

Thursday 6th December

Five Bells

Jazz Night with "Just Friends"

Our popular sextet with their swing jazz
standards Starts 8.30pm